

Remarks

Applicant elects the species of Fig. 1 for prosecution in this application.

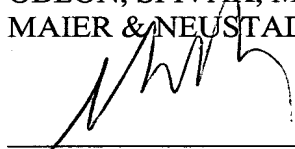
Claims 1-37 have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 38-43 all read on the elected species. Claims 1-37 are based on the claims of U.S. patent 6,422,673 which issued on July 23, 2002 from patent application 09/834,896 filed on April 16, 2001, but delete limitations which are not supported by the present disclosure. No new matter is believed to have been introduced.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for examination and respectfully solicits an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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